Science laboratories in schools in rural areas

2173. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that essential science laboratories have not been set up in all the Government schools, functioning in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme and programme for setting up of such laboratories in those areas; and

(d) if so, the necessary steps taken by Government to implement the above scheme in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per 7th All India School Education Survey, conducted by NCERT, with reference date 30.9.2002, 65.12% of schools in the country having secondary stage in them, had science laboratories.

(c) and (d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territories to formulate programmes to improve the academic standard of schools, including setting up of science laboratories in schools. This Ministry had a scheme of Improvement of Science Education in Schools, under which financial assistance was given for upgradation of science laboratories in secondary and higher secondary schools. This scheme was transferred as a State Sector Scheme *w.e.f.* 1.4.2006.

Continuing Education Programme

†2174. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts where Continuing Education Programme has been launched so far, State-wise;

(b) the details of the amount of instalments sanctioned and released;

(c) the number of districts of Madhya Pradesh which have been given the first instalment under the said programme and when the number of districts to which the second instalment was given after one year; and

(d) the time period within which the amount of second instalment is provided after the release of first instalment, alongwith the criteria adopted for providing the second instalment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A Statement showing, the State-wise number of districts covered under the Continuing Education Programme is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) District-wise and year-wise details of the amount sanctioned and the number of instalments released in respect of each district is at Annexure [See Appendix 211 Annexure No. 3].

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) 43 districts of Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned Continuing Education Programme so far. The first instalment of first project year has been released to all the 43 districts. The second instalment of grant has been released to 40 districts of the State on fulfillment of required conditions. The year-wise details of the number of districts sanctioned first and second instalments are given below:–

Financial year	No. of districts sanctioned 1st instalments	No. of districts sanctioned 2nd instalments
1998-1999	1	–
1999-2000	–	–
2000-2001	–	–
2001-2002	–	–
2002-2003	18	–
2003-2004	9	–
2004-2005	14	1
2005-2006	–	–
2006-2007	1	39
TOTAL:	43	40

(d) The release of second instalment is considered on receipt of the request for the same and after the following conditions have been fulfilled:–

(i) 75% of the first instalment of grant has been utilized.

(ii) Establishment of the continuing education centres and submission of the progress report of the projects.

(iii) Audited statement of accounts and utilisation certificate in case the request for second instalment is received after closure of the financial year in which the 1st instalment was released.

Statement

State-wise number of districts covered under the Continuing Education Programme

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of districts
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22
2.	Bihar	3

1	2	3
3.	Chhattisgarh	10
4.	Delhi	9
5.	Gujarat	23
6.	Haryana	4
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1
8.	Jharkhand	5
9.	Karnataka	26
10.	Kerala	14
11.	Madhya Pradesh	43
12.	Maharashtra	25
13.	Mizoram	8
14.	Orissa	3
15.	Punjab	1
16.	Rajasthan	32
17.	Tamil Nadu	30
18.	Tripura	4
19.	Uttaranchal	12
20.	Uttar Pradesh	30*
21.	West Bengal	17
22.	Chandigarh	1
23.	Lakshadweep	1
24.	Pondicherry	4
	TOTAL:	328

* CEP in six districts of Uttar Pradesh was approved but grants have not been released.

Students in the secondary schools

†2175. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the increase in number of students in secondary schools during 2007-08, as a result of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

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